

Title 16: History, Humanities and Arts - Mississippi Library Commission

Part 183: LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT

Part 183 Chapter 1: Overview

LSTA is included in the Museum and Library Services Act of 2010. As the state library administrative agency of the State of Mississippi, the Library Commission is authorized to receive federal funding through the LSTA program as enacted or as may be amended or replaced.

Rule 183.1.1 Purpose. LSTA provides funding to stimulate excellence and promote access to learning and information resources in all types of libraries for individuals of all ages. The Library Commission administers and uses LSTA funds to enhance the quality of library services in Mississippi, in accordance with the purposes set forth in the federal legislation.

Source: *Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated* §39-3-107 (Rev. 1988).

Rule 183.1.2 Eligibility. Eligibility of applicants shall be determined by the Library Commission's five-year plan for use of Library Services and Technology Act funds.

Source: *Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated* §39-3-107 (Rev. 1988).

Rule 183.1.3 Process. The Library Commission administers and uses LSTA funds, in any proportion, directly or through competitive and/or non-competitive grants or cooperative agreements in accordance with the principles set forth in the basic guidelines of the agency's five-year plan for use of Library Services and Technology Act funds.

- A. When LSTA grants are offered, the Board approves the categories for the grant call.
- B. Upon Board approval, the Library Commission publishes and distributes to entities deemed eligible a program manual, (included year's grant calendar, eligible applicants, targeted project activities, funds availability, application submission requirements and deadlines, and evaluation criteria, etc.).
- C. Grant applications are subject to review.
- D. The Executive Director makes sub-grant recommendations to the Board based on the review process results, stated funding priorities and limits, and overall goals of the LSTA program.

Source: *Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated* §39-3-107 (Rev. 1988).

Rule 183.1.4 Requests for Reconsideration. Requests for reconsideration of an award decision shall be made on procedural grounds only. Such grounds include alleged conflicts of interest, unfair or preferential treatment of applications, or procedures not uniformly applied to all applicants. Any applicant affected by an award decision on said grounds may request a

reconsideration of the action taken by the Library Commission in accordance with the procedures outlined in Reconsideration Hearings.

Source: *Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated* §39-3-107 (Rev. 1988).